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TABLE 2-1: Earthworms, Insects (Including Bees), and Similar Organisms

If:	And:	And from:	And:	And:	Then:
Preserved	_____→				RELEASE
A live organism	Earthworms	Canada	In soil	From Newfoundland or that portion of the Municipality of Central Saanich on Vancouver Island in the province of British Columbia east of the West Saanich Road	PROHIBIT ENTRY
				From other than a part of Canada described in the cell above	RELEASE ¹
			No soil	_____→	
	Bees	Other than Canada	_____→		REFER to Animal Product Manual ²
		_____→			GO to Table 2-2
		Plant pests (for example snails and various baits)	_____→	Accompanied by a permit (PPQ Red and White Label) issued by the USDA ³	RELEASE
				Lacking a permit	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Animal disease vectors (for example, sand flies or biting gnats)	_____→			REFER to Animal Product Manual ²

1 Because live specimens are perishable, expedite shipments that you are authorized to release.

2 http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/manuals/pdf_files/APM_Chapters.htm

3 This permit may be in the form of a tag or label. If the permit has expired or if the package is torn or open, CONTACT CBP AI. Because live specimens are perishable, expedite shipments that you are authorized to release.

TABLE 2-2: Bees from All Origins

If from:	And:	Then:
Canada	Accompanied by an export certificate from CFIA dated no more than 10 days prior to shipping and declaring the bees ^{1, 2} to be of Canadian origin from parental livestock produced in Canada	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify the export certificate from CFIA. 2. Verify that the packaging is sufficient to prevent the escape of any bee. 3. Verify that the species manifested is one of the six species listed in footnote 1 below. 4. For species other than honey bees, verify that contaminants are not present. For honey bees, the whole hive is not allowed—only packages of bees or queens with attendant workers. 5. Notify APHIS-PPQ Headquarters of the clearance of these regulated organisms³ 6. RELEASE
	Lack an export certificate	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Australia or New Zealand (must be direct flight unless through Honolulu, HI)	Accompanied by an export certificate from AQIS or MAF dated no more than 10 days prior to shipping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify the export certificate from AQIS or MAF. 2. Verify that the packaging is sufficient to prevent the escape of any bee or bee pest (mesh opening must not exceed 1 mm for New Zealand and 2 mm for Australia). 3. Verify that the species manifested is <i>Apis mellifera mellifera</i>. 4. For honey bees, the whole hive is not allowed—only packages of bees or queens with attendant workers. No wax, comb, or honey. 5. Notify APHIS-PPQ Headquarters of the clearance of these regulated organisms³ 6. RELEASE
	Lack an export certificate	PROHIBIT ENTRY
A country other than Canada, Australia, or New Zealand	Accompanied by national government export documents and a valid PPQ Form 526 (Plant Pest Permit)	FORWARD to address on PPQ Form 599 (Red and White Label) for Inspection Station clearance
	Lack export documents and Plant Pest Permit	PROHIBIT ENTRY

- 1 The following bee species can be imported from Canada without a PPQ Form 526, Plant Pest Permit:

Apis mellifera (Honey bee)
Bombus impatiens (Bumble bee)
Bombus occidentalis (Bumble bee)
Megachile rotundata (Alfalfa leafcutter bee)
Osmia lignaria (Blue orchard bee)
Osmia cornifrons (Horn-faced bee)
 All other species require a PPQ Form 526, Plant Pest Permit.

- 2 New and used bee boards of Canadian origin imported with bee species other than *Apis mellifera* must meet the entry requirements for wood products.

- 3 Use any one of the following three methods for notification:

By mail to this address:

Bee Imports
 PPQ, APHIS
 4700 River Road, Unit 133
 Riverdale, MD 20737-1236

By fax at 301-734-8700

By e-mail to Notification@usda.gov

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